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# the X-MEN™

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OF THE MONTH:  
THE UNCANNY X-MEN HAVE  
TAKEN OVER THE MOUNTAIN  
FORTRESS OF FACTOR THREE--  
ONLY TO FIND THAT IT IS NOW  
DESERTED...

SO--YOU HAVE ESCAPED  
THE FATE TO WHICH I  
HAD SENTENCED YOU--  
TO NO AVOID!

FOR, NOTHING CAN  
PREVENT MY FORCES  
FROM BRINGING ABOUT  
A THIRD WORLD WAR--  
IN WHICH THE INFERIOR  
RACE OF HOMO SAPIENS  
SHALL PERISH!

IT'S A GIANT VISUAL IMAGE  
OF THE MUTANT-MASTER...  
MOCKING US !!

WE **MUST** FIND  
A WAY TO STOP  
HIS MAD SCHEME--

THE **MUTANT-MASTER**--  
THE SINISTER, FOREBODING  
KINSPIN OF FACTOR  
THREE FOR WHOM WE'VE  
SEARCHED THESE LONG,  
DESPERATE WEEKS!

YET, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE  
SEEN HIM **FACE TO FACE**,  
HE'S STILL AS MUCH OF  
AN ENIGMA AS EVER!

BUT HE SEEMS  
SO **SURE** OF  
HIMSELF--SO  
RUTHLESSLY  
**CONFIDENT**!

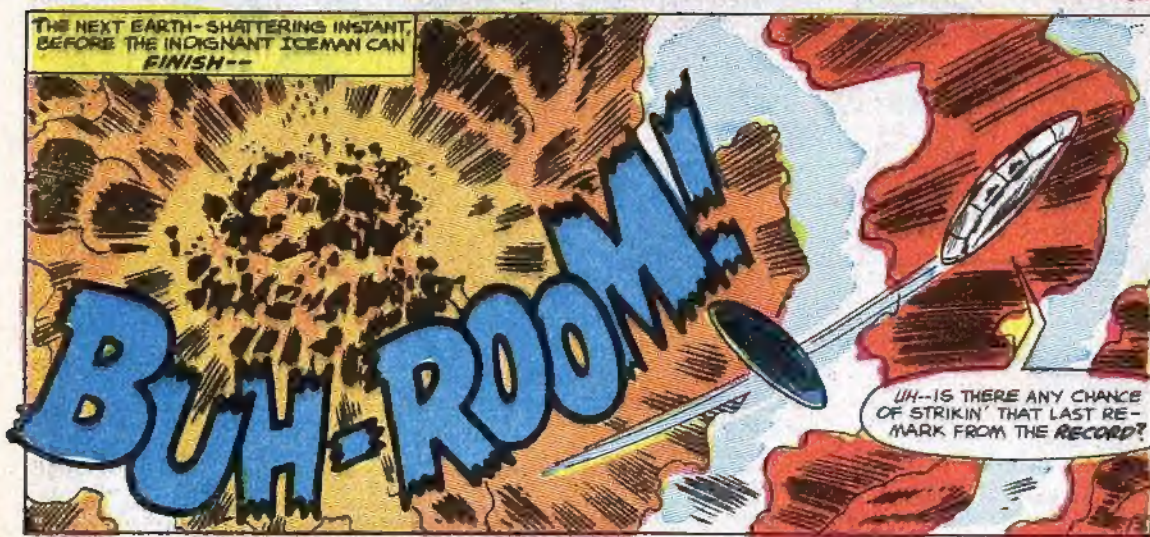
THAT'S THE WAY ALL  
WOULD-BE WORLD-BEATERS  
HAVE BEEN--UNTIL SOME-  
BODY TOOK THEM DOWN  
A PEG!

SMILIN' **STAN LEE** EDITS  
AND ELSEWISE ENHANCES A  
**ROY THOMAS-DON HECK**  
SHIMMERING CHEF D'OEUVRE!

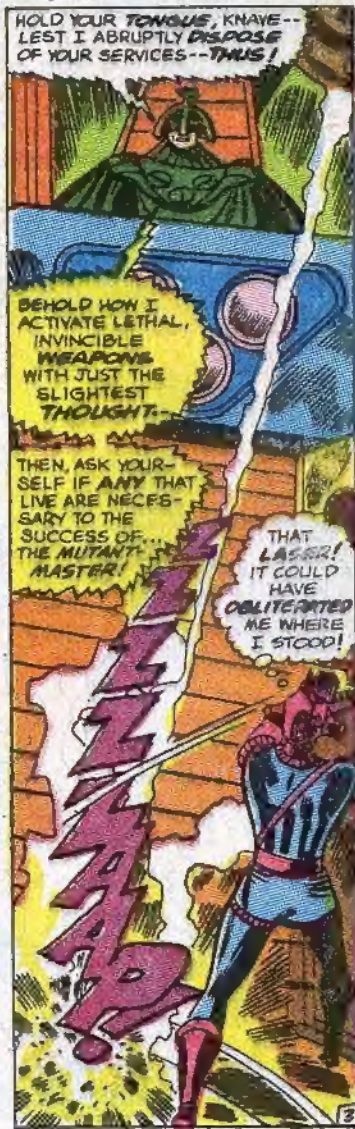
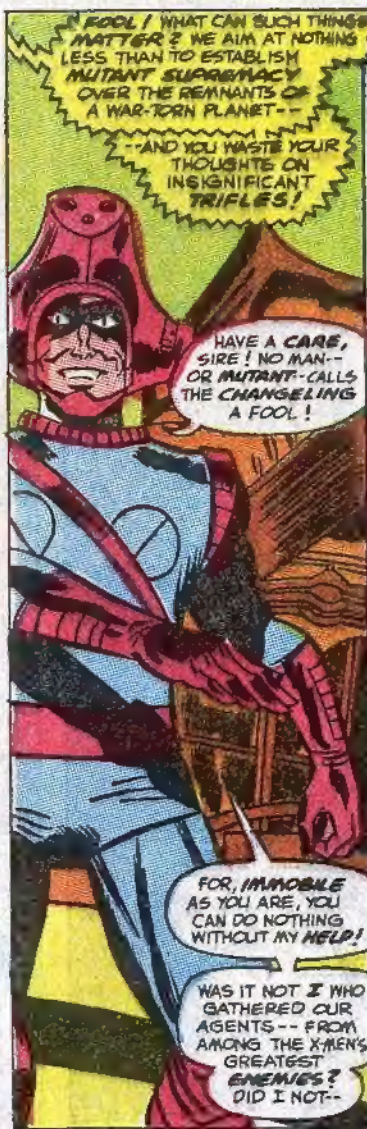
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HAI! I NEED NO PUNY MIND-READING POWERS TO SENSE THE STARK FEAR WHICH MY LITTLE DISPLAY HAS INSPIRED IN YOU!

REMEMBER--THOUGH YOU ARE A FELLOW MUTANT--WITH A POWER THAT MAY SOME DAY BE OF USE TO ME--

YOU ARE IN NO WAY THE EQUAL OF THE UNDISPUTED LEADER OF FACTOR THREE!!



NEVER BEFORE HAVE I SEEN HIM SO FURIOUS--SO MAD WITH THE THOUGHT OF HIS OWN SUPREMACY!

I MUST DIVERT HIM--LEST HE DESTROY EVEN ME!

IN NO WAY DID I MEAN TO CHALLENGE YOUR LEADERSHIP, MASTER!

I DESIRE MERELY TO SERVE OUR COMMON CAUSE--AND DESTROY THE RACE OF HOMO SAPIENS!



THEN, DO NOT FORGET TO SERVE OUR CAUSE--IS TO SERVE THE MUTANT-MASTER!

FOR, IT IS I WHO HAVE DESIGNED OUR MANY WEAPONS AND DEVICES--

--SUCH AS THIS MAMMOTH, FLOATING SPHERE IN WHICH WE NOW AWAIT SUCCESS... UNDETECTED BY EVEN THE HUMANS' MOST MODERN RADAR!



"AND, IT IS MY MASTER PLAN THAT IS EVEN NOW BEING CARRIED OUT ON EARTH--AN INFALLIBLE PLOT WHICH SHALL SOON LEAD EAST AND WEST INTO A VENSEFUL, DESTRUCTIVE NUCLEAR WAR..."

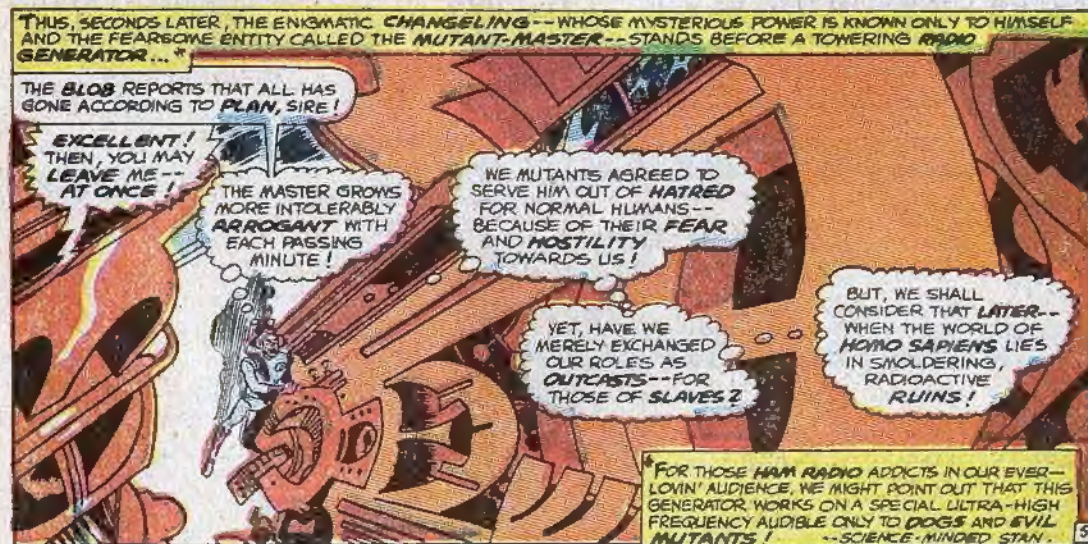
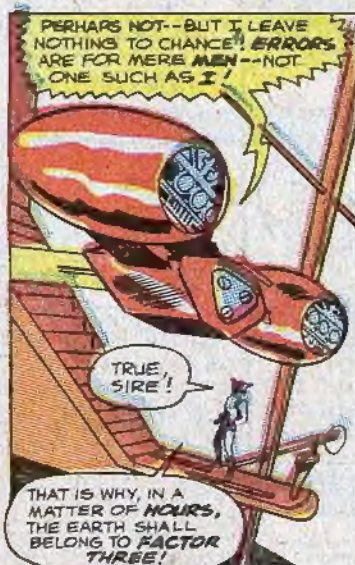
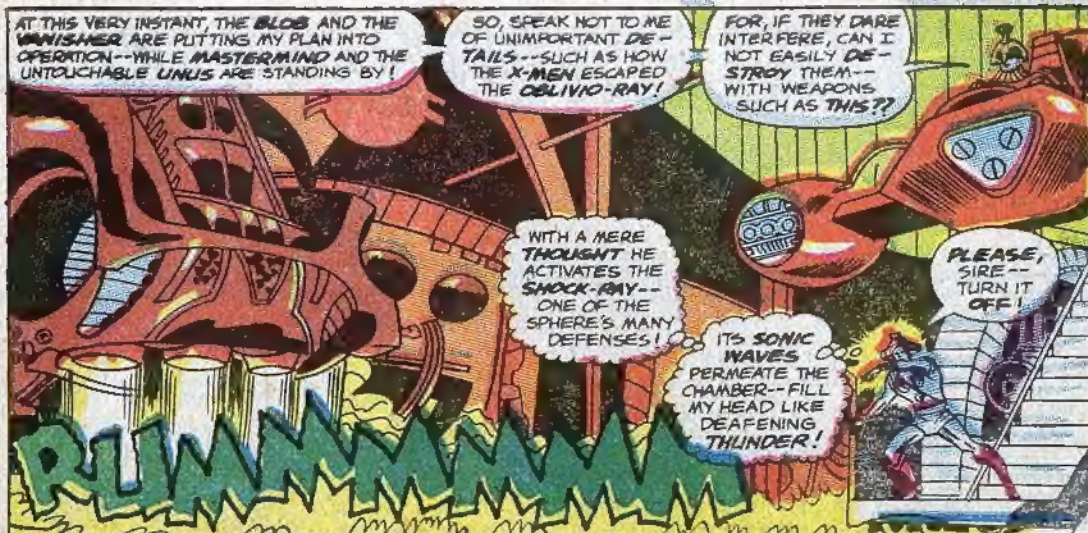
"...A WAR THAT WILL MEAN THE END FOR ALL TIME OF THE CIVILIZATION OF HOMO SAPIENS!"



"THEN, THE DAY OF THE MUTANTS SHALL BE UPON US--AND HOMO SUPERIOR SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH--"

"--OR, TO BE MORE PRECISE, WHAT REMAINS OF THE EARTH!!"





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AND, SUCH IS THE MIND-STAGGERING SPEED OF FACTOR THREE'S FANTASTIC AIRCRAFT THAT, IN AN INCREDIBLY SHORT TIME, THE MUTANT TRIO HAS ARRIVED AT A CERTAIN LOCATION IN EASTERN EUROPE...

IT'S AMAZING! WE FLEW HERE SO FAST THAT NO EXISTING RADAR COULD POSSIBLY HAVE DETECTED US!

THAT'S ALL TO OUR ADVANTAGE, JEANIE! OTHERWISE, WE'D HAVE BEEN DENIED ENTRANCE AS DEFINITELY UNDESIRABLE ALIENS!

YET, WE'RE ACTUALLY HERE TO SAVE THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE--

INCLUDING OUR ANTI-CAPITALISTIC COMRADES!

AND, IT'S NOT GONNA BE EASY TO DO!

MY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT REVEALED THAT THAT MEDIEVAL CASTLE OVER THERE IS GUARDED LIKE FORT KNOX!

"WHAT'S MORE, THERE'S A TOP-SECRET CONFERENCE GOING ON-- COMPOSED OF EVERY MILITARY BIG-WIG EAST OF CHECKPOINT CHARLIE..."



"IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO THEM-- IT COULDN'T HELP SMELLING LIKE AN AMERICAN PLOT!"

"YET, WE KNOW THAT-- SOMEHOW-- FACTOR THREE HAS PLACED A POWERFUL BOMB ON THE PREMISES-- TIMED TO EXPLODE ANY MINUTE NOW..."



"AND WHEN IT DOES-- IT MAY SIGNAL THE END OF MANKIND!!!"

# SPECIAL NOTE: YOUR EVER-BLABBIN' BULLPEN JUST HADDA PRESENT THIS CUTAWAY DRAWING OF THE MENACING DEVICE-- SO YOU'D KNOW WE WEREN'T PUTTIN' YOU ON!

-- STUCKE STAN.

OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO CRASH THE CONFERENCE AND FIND THE BOMB--

--BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE-- FOR EVERYONE!!



YET, IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE! IF ONLY WE KNEW WHERE IT WAS!

THIS IS SCARCELY THE TIME FOR WISHFUL THINKING, MISS GREY! WE'VE GOT TO ACT-- NOW!

THEN, WITH THE GLIDING GRACE OF A SWIFT FALCON, THE ANGEL STREAKS SKYWARD, AND...



I MAY BE A SLOWPOKER COMPARED TO THOSE FLYING EGGSHELLS...

BUT I THINK I MOVED FAST ENOUGH TO GET US UP HERE UNSEEN!

I'M WORRIED ABOUT HANK! HE WAS TOO HEAVY TO CARRY...

HOLD IT! I JUST SAW SOMETHING MOVE-- DOWN THERE IN THE SHADOWS!

WHILE, A FEW DOZEN FEET BELOW...



TWO COSTUMED FIGURES-- ONE OF WHOM HAS WINGS!

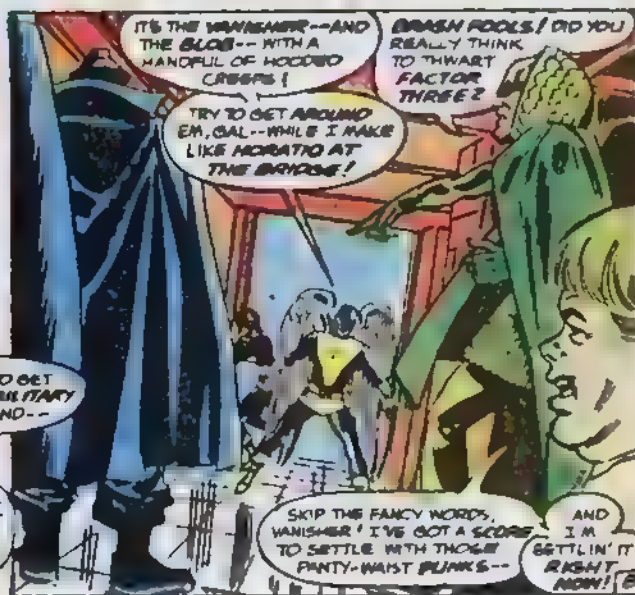
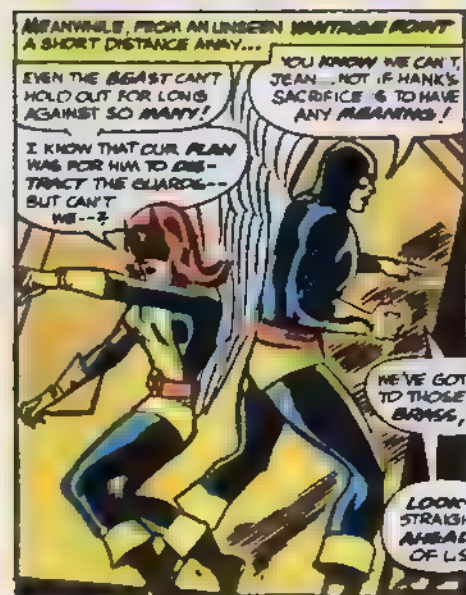
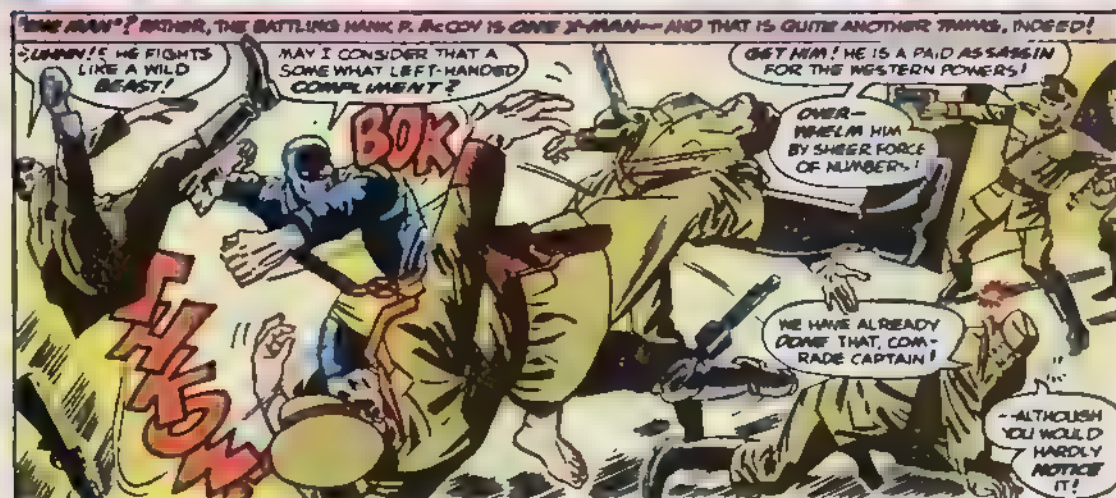
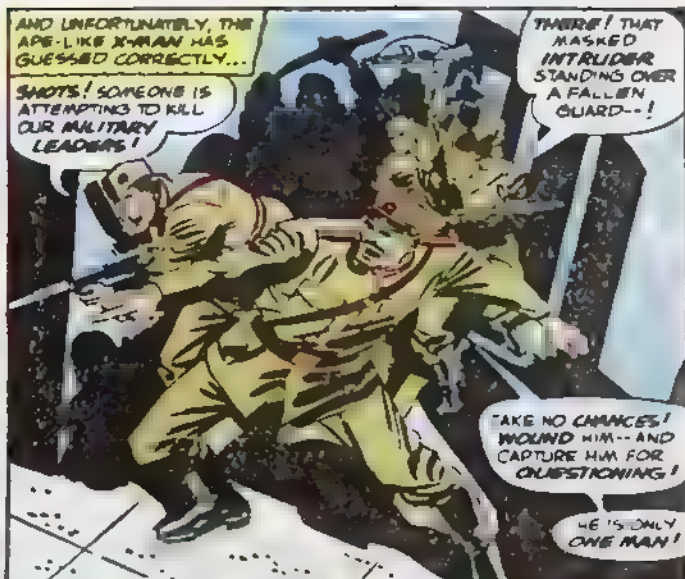
THEY CAN ONLY BE ENEMIES! I MUST BRING THEM DOWN--!

I REALLY HAVEN'T THE TIME TO EXPLAIN THE PRECISE REASONS FOR MY REQUEST, FRIEND...

BUT, I'D RATHER PREFER THAT YOU DIDN'T!









AT THIS PLEASING POINT FAITHFUL ONE WE REGRET THAT WE MUST MOMENTARILY INTERRUPT OUR SENSE SHATTERING NARRATIVE... BUT WE THOUGHT THAT AFTER 10 THESE MANY ISSUES IT WAS TIME THAT WE HEARD FROM A DECIDEDLY IMMOBILIZED PROFESSOR X--

YOU'RE MAD, CHANGELING--OR WHATEVER YOU CALL YOURSELF! BOTH YOU AND THE SELF-STYLED MUTANT-MASTER WILL SURELY FAIL!

MY MASTER WILL STOP YOUR INSANE PLAN TO PLUNGE THE EARTH INTO NUCLEAR WAR!

YOUR FAITH & YOUR OVERRATED OBSESSES IS MOST TOUCHING, MY DEAR PROFESSOR!

BUT WE HAVE WARNED OUR MUTANT AGENTS TO BE READY FOR THEM... AND THE "INTERFERENCE" WILL ONLY BRING THEM... DEATH!

THEY SHALL NOT EVEN LIVE TO SEE THE ATOMIC ARMAGEDDON WHICH YOU SEE MIRRORED ON OUR PREDICTO-SCOPE!

STILL ONE THING PUZZLES ME: IF THE ENTIRE PLANET BECOMES A RADIOACTIVE RUIN--EVEN THE MUTANTS ARE DOOMED TO DIE!

YOU RECKON WITHOUT THE SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY OF FACTOR THREE, FOOL!

LOOK HOW SIMPLE IT WAS TO DESIGN A DEVICE WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO HEAR AND SPEAK--YET BE OTHERWISE HELPLESS!

YOU AND THE ACCURSED BANSHEE WERE ALLOWED TO LIVE ONLY SO THAT YOU MAY ITNESS OUR ULTIMATE TRIUMPH!

THEN YOU TOO MUST BE DISPOSED OF!

IT IS YOU WHO ARE TRULY THE FOOL, CHANGELING!

MARK MY WORDS--THE ONE YOU CALL THE MUTANT-MASTER MEANS TO BETRAY YOU... AS SOON AS THE HUMANS ARE DESTROYED! HE... GOOF!

YOU LIE, BANSHEOUS ONE! NOW BE SILENT--BEFORE I EXECUTE YOU AT ONCE!

**WHACK!**

JUST THEN WITHOUT WARNING...

YOU SHALL EXECUTE NO ONE, LACKEY! IT'S ONLY FOR THE MUTANT-MASTER TO DECIDE WHO IS TO LIVE--AND WHO TO DIE!

DO NOT SEEK TO GATHER MORE POWER TO YOURSELF, LEST YOU INCUR MY ALL-CONSUMING WRATH!

IT'S THE MASTER! I FORGOT THAT HIS NOBLE PLATFORM ALLOWS HIM TO MOVE ABOUT AS FREELY AS I!

PARDON, SIRE! DO NOT ACTIVATE YOUR DEADLY WEAPONS AGAINST ME!

YOU ARE MERELY AMBITIOUS, UNDERLING A QUALITY WHICH I DETEST IN THOSE WHO SERVE ME!

**ZZZT!**

NOW BEGONE--FOR I DESIRE TO WORK IN THIS CHAMBER UNDISTURBED BY YOUR CLANDOROUS CHATTER--UNTIL OUR AGENTS REPORT THAT OUR PLAN HAS SUCCEEDED!

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AT THAT VERY MOMENT AS A PHYSICAL FATE WOULD HAVE TWO OTHER UNUSUAL MEN ARE HAVING THEIR OWN PARTICULAR PROBLEMS

WHAT IS BLAZED ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?

DO YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO SWALLOW YOUR STORY ABOUT A PLAN TO INFLTRATE THIS BASE AND FIRE AROUND MISSILES TOWARD THE IRON CURTAIN?

HARD TO BELIEVE?

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

YOU JUST SUMMED IT UP IN A NUTSHELL, COLONEL! I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT...

IT'S REALLY ABSURD... COMPLETELY BEYOND POSSIBILITY!

NOW I'M GIVING YOU TEN SECONDS TO CLEAR OUT OF HERE... OR I'LL HAVE YOU TOSSED IN THE STOCKADE FOR THE NIGHT!

YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY LEAVING US MUCH CHOICE, COLONEL.

IF YOU DON'T INVESTIGATE OUR STORY, WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO START DESTROYING YOUR MISSILES!

MUST TRY TO BLUFF OUR WAY THRU! & REALLY THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY MISSILES TO DESTROY IN TIME!!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!

GUARDS-- HAVE THE TWO LOCKED UP FOR THE NIGHT WHILE I CALL THE PENTAGON ABOUT THIS!

SIR!

COME ALONG, YOU TWO REFUSE-- HOLY HANNAH!

SORRY SO DEER BUT YOUR PROCESS IS TOO SLOW!

COME ON ICEMAN! WE'VE GOT TO ACT-- AND EXPLAIN LATER!

I'M WITH YOU, LADDER MAN!

UNNNN! MY HANDS FROZEN SOLID!

THERE ARE TOO MANY GUARDS! SOMEHOW WE BOUND TO GET HEART!

WE'D BETTER TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE OUT OF HERE-- FAST!

BOOM!

HALT, BOTH OF YOU! I DON'T WANNA HAVE TO SHOOT! OOOO!

TO TELL THE TRUTH I DON'T REALLY WANT YOU TO GO!

HEY-- THAT FOR AN EVER LOVIN' CONSENSUS?

FLIP!

YET, EVEN AS THE DESPERATE TEENAGERS RUSH OUTSIDE--

WHAT DID YOU SAY SIR? - YEAH I HEARD YOU RIGHT!

IT'S NUTTY-- A WHOLE BLASTED MISSILE BASE AGAINST TWO CRAZY KIDS IN COSTUMES!

BRACKLE

BRACKLE

IF THIS IS SOME KIND A GAG, MAYBE A SHORT HURSTLL SCARE EM TO THEIR SENSES!



THE NEXT SECOND, A WITHERING BURST OF GUNFIRE RINGS OUT...

LOOK OUT,  
CYKE! THESE  
GUYS MEAN  
BUSINESS!

STILL THEY'RE FIRING LOW--  
GIVING US A SECOND CHANCE  
TO SURRENDER!

WE'VE GOT TO USE THAT  
BREAK--IF WE'RE GOING  
TO STOP THE EARTH  
FROM GOING UP  
IN SMOKE!

**BRATTABRATTABRATTABRATTA**

USE YOUR  
FULL  
POWERS  
BOBBY--  
TO DESTROY  
ALL THESE  
MISSILES--

**NOW!!**

WE'LL DO THE BEST WE CAN, KOTTY!  
BUT THIS BASE IS HUGE-- THERE  
ARE HUNDREDS OF MISSILES HERE!

AND THE MILITARY CONSIDERS  
US ENEMIES-- SO THEY'RE  
TOSsing EVERYTHING THEY'VE  
GOT AT US!

EVEN IF OUR POWERS  
MIGHT LAST LONG ENOUGH  
TO TAKE OUT ALL THE  
ROCKETS--

-WILL WE??

WE'VE GOT TO  
LAD--OR DIE  
TRYING!

IF WE FAIL, FACTOR THREE  
WILL HAVE WON--AND THE  
HUMAN RACE IS FINISHED!!

**BOOM!**



MEANWHILE, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, THREE OTHER MARVELOUS MUTANTS COULD MAKE THE VERY SAME STATEMENT JUST ABOUT NOW...

STAND ASIDE!  
LET THE BLOB  
TACKLE THEM!

THIS IS NO TIME FOR  
PERSONAL VENGEANCE,  
CLOWN!

QUICKLY AGENTS--  
DESTROY THE  
X-MEN WITH  
RAYBLASTS!

YES, VANISHER!

UH OH! DON'T  
KNOW IF I CAN  
REACH THEM IN  
TIME!

I'LL BUY YOU THAT TIME,  
ANGEL--WITH MY TELE-  
KINETIC POWER!

ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY...

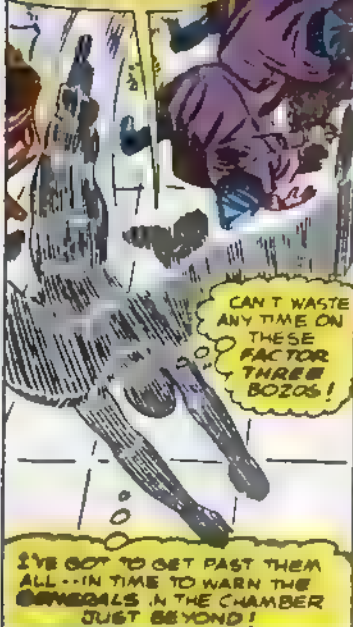


THAT  
WOODEN  
DOORWAY  
STOPPED  
THE FIRST  
BLAST!

BUT, IT MAY  
NOT SHIELD  
US FROM THE  
NEXT ONE!

--HEF WON'T  
BE A NEXT  
ONE, LADY--

--NOT IF THE HIGH-FLYING  
ANGEL HAS ANYTHING  
TO SAY ABOUT IT!



CAN'T WASTE  
ANY TIME ON  
THESE  
FACTOR  
THREE  
BOZOS!

I'VE GOT TO GET PAST THEM  
ALL--IN TIME TO WARN THE  
GENERALS IN THE CHAMBER  
JUST BEYOND!

BUT SUDDENLY, AN IMMENSE, IMMOVABLE  
FORM SEEMS TO MATERIALIZE IN  
WARREN'S AERIAL PATH

NOT SO FAST,  
SONNY BOY!  
NOTHIN' GETS  
PAST...THE  
BLOB!!



WHA? WHERE'D  
HE COME FROM? HE  
WASN'T THERE A  
MOMENT AGO--!

VANISHER--MUST  
HAVE TELEPORTED  
HIM SOMEHOW--!

SO, YOU WANNA GET INTO THE  
ACT TOO, RED RING HOOD?

WELL, GO  
AHEAD--  
FOR ALL THE  
GOOD IT'LL  
DO YOU!

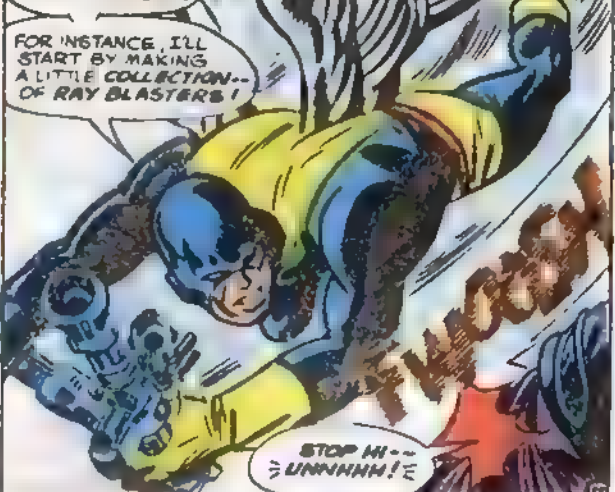


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AS EVER!

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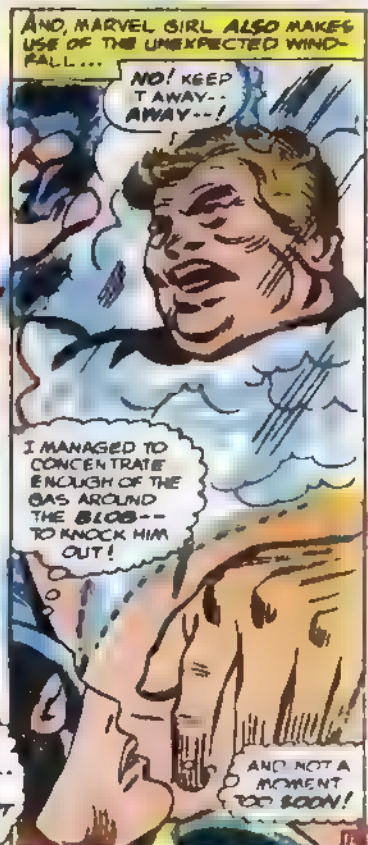
THANKS, GAL! I'LL  
TRY TO MAKE  
MYSELF WORTH  
YOUR TROUBLE!

FOR INSTANCE, I'LL  
START BY MAKING  
A LITTLE COLLECTION--  
OF RAY BLASTERS!



STOP HI--  
UNNNNNH!









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THAN EVER!... IN ALL-NEW  
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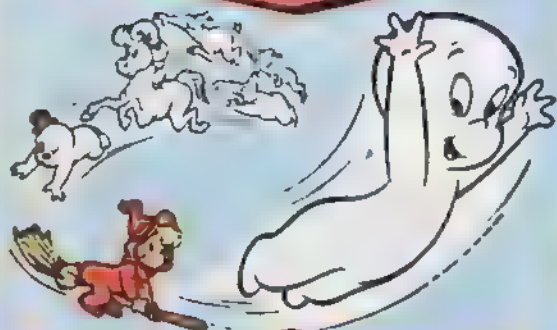
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# COMICS are here..SATURDAYS!

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## CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST



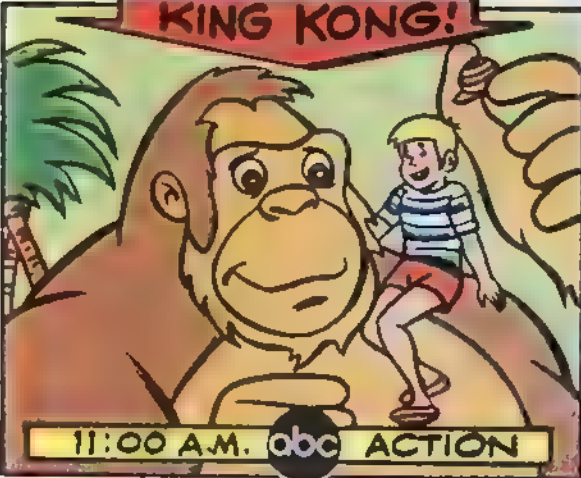
9:00 A.M. abc GHOSTS

## JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH!



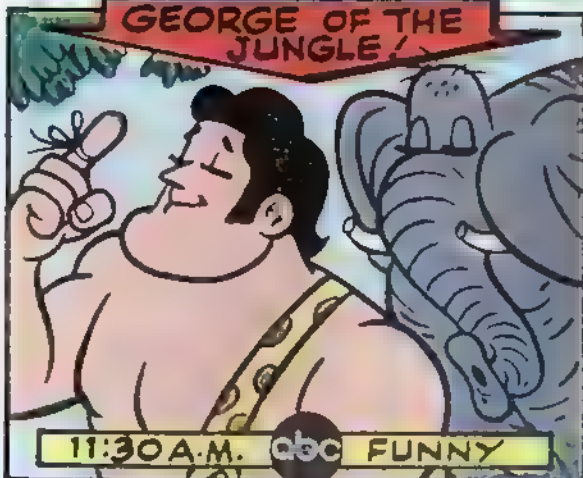
10:30 A.M. abc ADVENTURE

## KING KONG!



11:00 A.M. abc ACTION

## GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE!



11:30 A.M. abc FUNNY

## The BEATLES!



12:00 NOON abc MUSIC

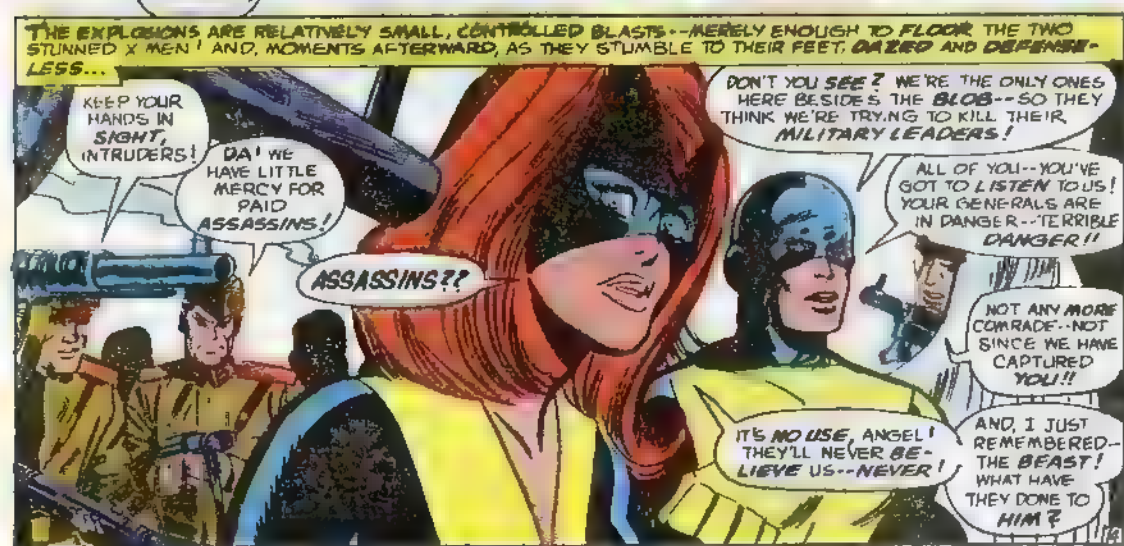
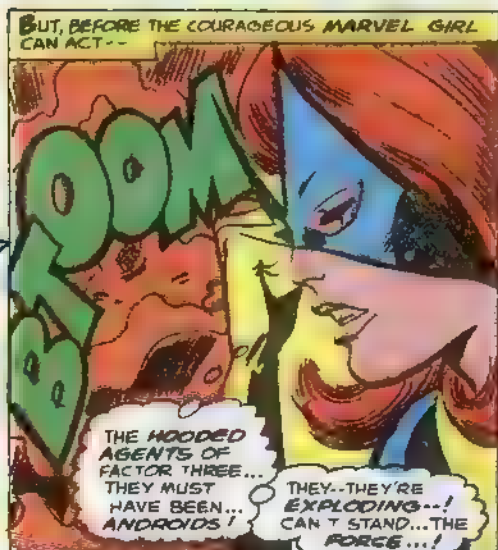
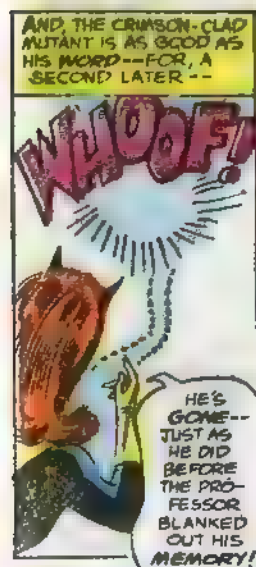
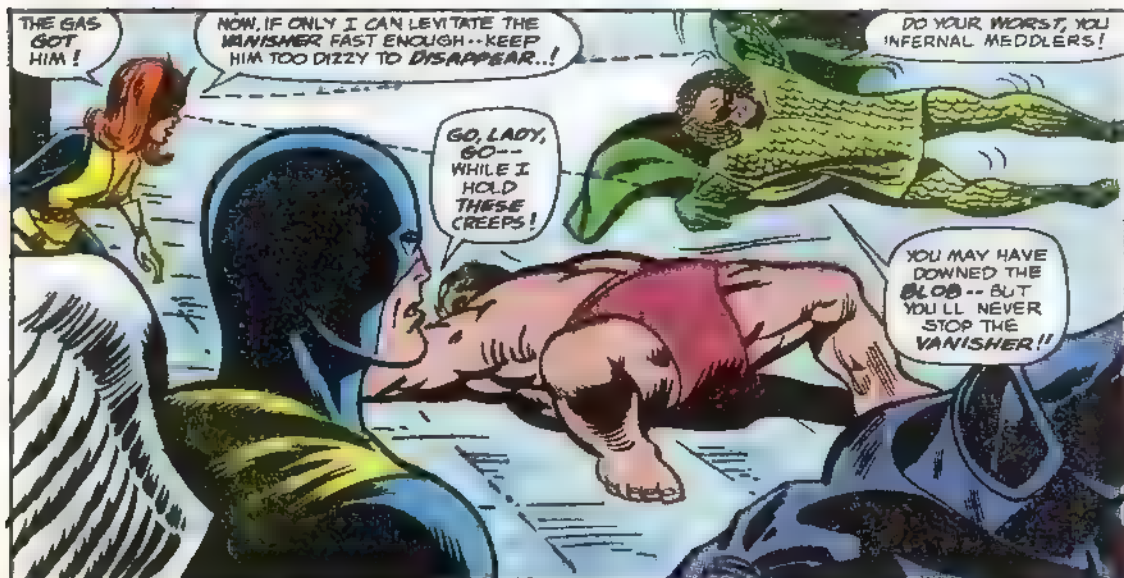
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ALL TIME EST-CHECK LOCAL LISTINGS FOR TIMES IN YOUR AREA!







QUICKLY, HOWEVER THE HELPLESS PAIR LEARN THE LOCATION OF HANK P. McCoy-- BUT UNDER SOMEWHAT LESS THAN AUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES...

JEAN! WARREN! SO THEY'VE INCARCERATED YOU, AS WELL!

MY ONLY HOPE WAS THAT YOU TWO HAD ELUDED OUR LESS-THAN-HOSPITABLE HOSTS!

AND YET, WHO CAN BLAME THEM? TO THEM, WE'RE NOTHING BUT ENEMY ALIENS-- AND MARKED, AT THAT!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR STRENGTH, HANK? CAN'T YOU HANDLE THOSE BARS?

NEGATIVE, MY FEATHERED FRIEND! HOWEVER, WE HAVE ONE RELUCTANT ROOMMATE WHO CAN--!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE... THE BLOB!!

BUT, HE'S AN AGENT OF FACTOR THREE-- LIKE THE VANISHER AND THOSE ANDROIDS!

STRANGE... EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A BOMB SOMEWHERE NEARBY... ABOUT TO EXPLODE...

--I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THOSE ANDROIDS-- AND WHY THE MUTANT-MASTER MARKED THEM-- EVEN FROM HIS MUTANT ALLIES!

MEANWHILE, FROM A POINT THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY SEATED BEFORE A VAST COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX WHICH MONITORS THE X-MEN'S EVERY MOVE

EXCEPT FOR THE CAPTURE OF THAT BUMBLING BLOB-- EVERY PART OF MY FLAWLESS PLAN IS GOING ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE!

WITHIN MINUTES AN EXPLOSION WILL OCCUR BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN-- WHILE A BRACE OF MISSILES WILL LIFT OFF FROM THE UNITED STATES!

AND IN THAT FINAL, FEARFUL MOMENT, THE MUTANT-MASTER SHALL HAVE ACHIEVED... VICTORY!!

THE FATEFUL  
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# MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS • MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS • MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS

## INSTANT INFO, INSANELY INSPIRED BY IRRELEVANT ITEMS OF INCREDIBLE INCONSEQUENCE!

**ITEM!** All of Marveldom assembled sends best wishes to JOLLY JACK and ROZ KIRBY on their 25th wedding anniversary. We're beginning to suspect that these two have a good thing going!

**ITEM!** We still don't know the exact date, but as we write these wondrous words, the adorable ABC Network has scheduled a full hour of Marvelmania for Saturday mornings. It'll open with 30 minutes of FANTASTIC FOUR, followed by another 30 minutes of SPIDER-MAN. And as soon as Honest Ivy gets his own show, then you'll know we've really taken over the world! Anyway, whether it sends you or us, you'll be sure to drop a line to the President of ABC at 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, and let him know that the eyes of all True Believers are upon him!



**ITEM!** How's this for a sensation? We've plumb run out of Tales of Asgard in THOR natch! So we're replacing that time honored feature with another little doozy that'll really rock the roost! Starting now — we're highlighting a 5-page featurette starring — hold on now — none other than the incomparable INHUMAN! If you miss a single one, you'll shake our confidence in ourselves, so hang in there, huh?

**ITEM!** Dandy DAN ADKINS, Dr. Strange and Sub-Mariner! and Jauntily JIM STERN and Nick Fury, Agent of Shield! have become the newest darlings of Marvel fandom. Together with our other two latest favorites, Merry MARIE SEVERN, The Hulk and Ant-Man and G.I. Joe, the new LMA Five Avengers, they're getting almost as much love mail as FABULOUS FIVE and JOLLY SOLLY put together! That's right, prove something. And as soon as we figure out what it is, we'll cue you in!

**ITEM!** Just as we promised, we're gonna give you various titles which all you keepers of the Faith may use when signing your names in order to allow you enough time to memorize them. We'll give you one per month until the list is complete. And so we hereby present the first officially approved Marvel monicker to be used by any frenzied fan who buys at least three Marvel titles per month with untiring devotion. You O' Heroed hero have now attained the first rung of the towering ladder of Marveldom! You are now automatically and irrevocably an R.F.D. — a Real, Frantic One! And like Abu Ben Adam, may your tribe increase!

**ITEM!** We've another new feature premiering this month in X-MEN. In answer to public demand, Bernard Public, our mail man, we're presenting a 5-page devoted to the hitherto secret Origins of the X-Men! No true mutant lover will dare to miss it!

**ITEM!** We'll award a genuine, non-tarnish no-prize to the first dozen devotees who can guess the off-beat reason why we had to raise the membership price for joining the M.M.M.S. back to one dollar again! Cue — it's not the obvious reason that you'd be apt to expect!

**ITEM!** Have you seen the swingin' surprise awaiting you in the current issue of NOT BRAND ECNH? Nothing sensational — merely the one little feature that the whole human race has been holding its breath for. At long last, for the first time, any where, we're peerlessly presenting the agonizing adventures of — FORBUSH MAN! Need we say more?

**ITEM!** And how's this for the most exciting combo of the season? Darin DICK AYERS is back at the penciling and of SGT. FURY with none other than JOHNNY Set am up! SEVERIN handling the inking chores! We have a hunch that you'll call our team up of these two towering talents the smartest move since Aunt Petunia ducked out of Alcatraz!

### STAN'S SOAPBOX!

The mail hasn't stopped pouring in asking for our comments about the ever-controversial Marvel-Brand ECNH rivalry. It seems that some of our less than redoubtable rivals are still taking pot shots at us on the pages of their mags, and our loyal legion of letter-writers has been demanding to know what action we're gonna take. Well, we're sorry to disappoint the hawks among you, but we really don't feel any action is warranted. Actually, they're not competition. You see, they obviously aim for a totally different type of reader than we do. We don't cater to any special age group, but we do cater to a special intellectual level. Our readership, readers, no matter what their age, have proven to be bright, imaginative, informal and sophisticated! So we don't mind when some of our roguish rivals aim to outstep us. Although they never bother to mention that they PUBLISH more mags than we! After all, everyone knows there's less of OUR type of people than of theirs. So let them continue catering to the bubble-gum brigade — and more power to 'em. The pub. needs SOME sort of pub. sm. It's grown up to Marvel! Nuff said!



### THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvelous Mags On Sale Right Now!

**NOT BRAND ECNH #5:** The greatest ish yet! Featuring the epic battles of the Hulk vs. the Thing, the Avengers vs. Charlie America, and — the sensation of the season — introducing the frantic Forbush-Man!

**FANTASTIC FOUR #60:** Never has the super strong Thing been so powerful so destructive so completely murderously out of control! Spurred on by our maniacal mystery villain, he attempts to crush the FF itself! It's dynamite!

**SPIDER-MAN #55:** Not only does Spidey fight the battle of his life against the astonishing Doc Ock, but fate deals him one of the most crushing blows of all! Another landmark issue!

**AVENGERS #44:** Inside the Antihill Wreath! Death! And a shrunken Goliath and Wasp are the pair of ever-lovin' assemblers that it's waiting for — while Cap and Pietro take on a malevolent menace known only as the Whirlwind! It's a blast!

**DAREDEVIL #34:** The action takes place at Expo 67 as DD tears into the bludgeoning Beetle in one of the most block busting battles yet! It's all Hornhead at his fighting best — and wait! you see the breathing fine!

**THOR #146:** This is the one you've been demanding! It's Thor, as you've rarely seen him, surrounded by the most crafty, colorful, cunning crowd of craven crooks — getting himself into a deadly dilemma which is more than his super strength can handle!

**SUSPENSE #96:** How can Iron Man defeat a foe whose slightest touch can turn him to helpless stone? You'll never expect the starting finish! As for Captain America — he earns what it's like to be reborn!

**ASTONISH #98:** Namor's fabled Atlantis is besieged by the forces of the pernicious Plunderer, while the hoodwinked Hulk is about to make the greatest mistake of his life in the service of the Lord of the Living Lightning!

**STRANGE TALES #163:** Everybody's favorite Director of SHIELD closes in on the cataclysmic climax to his death struggle with the Yellow Claw — while Doc Strange is forced to team up with the nefarious Nebulos to save earth from the Living Tribunal! This one's a real mind-snapper!

**SGT. FURY #48:** The blockbusting Blitz Squad returns to make a devastating attack on the Howlers' home base in Britain! Nuff said!

**MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS #12:** The FF the Hulk Iron Man and Doc Strange in some of their most agonizing adventures of all — in this, the Marvel Age of Comics, Color this one groovesville!

**FANTASY MASTERPIECES #11:** The best of three dynamic decades! Cap and Torchy from the 40's — Subby and a truly different super hero from the 50's — and a far-out fantasy tale for good measure!

**MARVEL TALES #11:** The first classic team up (or was it a battle royal?) of Spidey and DD — plus Thor, Wasp, and the ever torpid Torchy! More majestic milestones on the Marvel March to Greatness!

### Let's meet 26 more M.M.M.S. members!

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Detroit, Mich.  
Joseph Gabor  
Chicago, Ill.

Kenneth McFall  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Noble McFall  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Larry McFall  
Jacksonville, Fla.  
Doug McFall  
Chicago, Ill.

Rent McFall  
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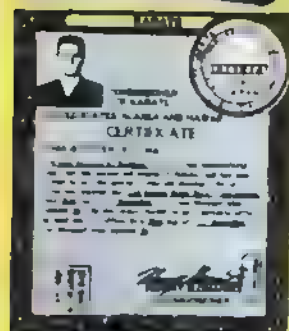
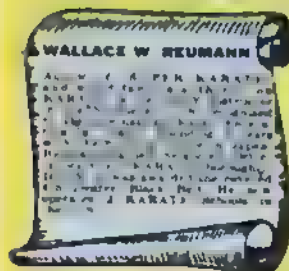
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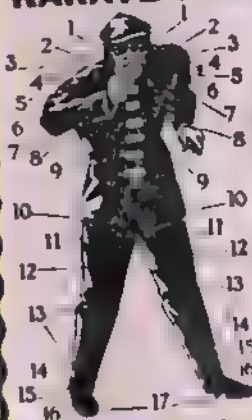
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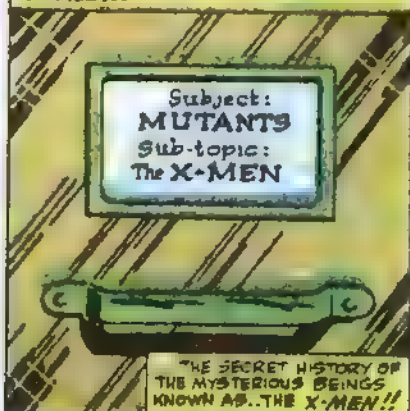
BEHIND TRIPLE-LOCKED STEEL DOORS... IN A FORBIDDEN Seldom Visited SECTION OF PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS... STAND ROW UPON ROW OF COLD SILENT FILE CABINETS...



YET, IF THEY COULD BUT SPEAK THEY WOULD UNVEIL A TREASURE-TROVE OF LITTLE KNOWN INFORMATION ON COUNTLESS SUBJECTS... FROM THE TRIVIAL TO THE UNIMAGINABLY VITAL...



AND ONE OF THESE MYRIAD METAL DRAWERS... IDENTIFIED ONLY BY AN INNOCUOUS TYPEWRITTEN CARD... HIDES THE MOST CAREFULLY-GUARDED SECRET OF ALL...



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...AND, HERE YOU SEE THE REACTION OF THE CROWD TO THE DISCOVERY THAT ONE AMONG THEM WAS A SUPER-POWERED MUTANT!

LUCKILY FOR HIM... OR PERHAPS FOR THEM... THE MUTANT FLED, RATHER THAN FACE THEIR WRATH!

MEANWHILE, SCENES LIKE THIS ARE BEING ENACTED ACROSS THE COUNTRY! IN THE MIDWEST...

THAT'S ENOUGH, BILL! TURN THE SET OFF!

I'M CONVINCED WE'VE GOT TO ACT... TO BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION OF THIS SO CALLED "MUTANT MENACE!"

IT'S YOUR DECISION, FRED... BUT, I SUGGEST WE LET THE PAPERS IN ON IT!

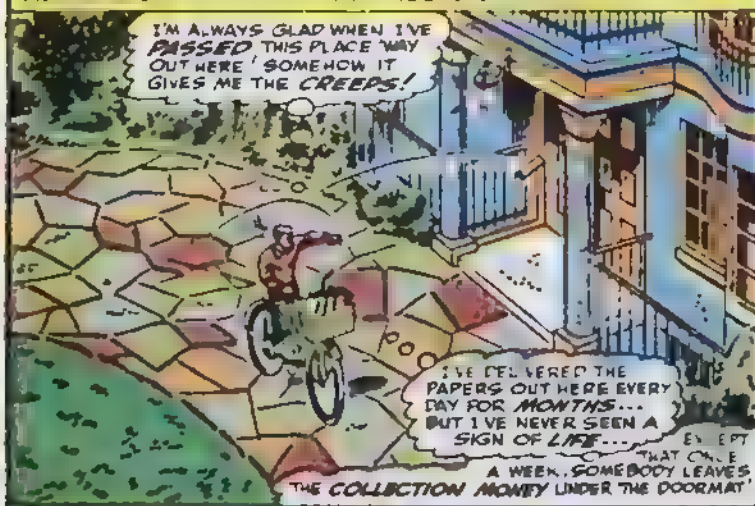
MANY CITIES ARE REPORTING CONDITIONS OF NEAR PANIC!

STAN LEE PROUDLY PRESENTS A PAGE-SETTING PINNACLE OF PERFECT ON BY ROY THOMAS AND WERNER ROTH!

OF COURSE JOHN VERDOORTEN, INKER, AND SAM ROBIN, LETTERER, ALSO DID... NEAR PALPITATING PART!



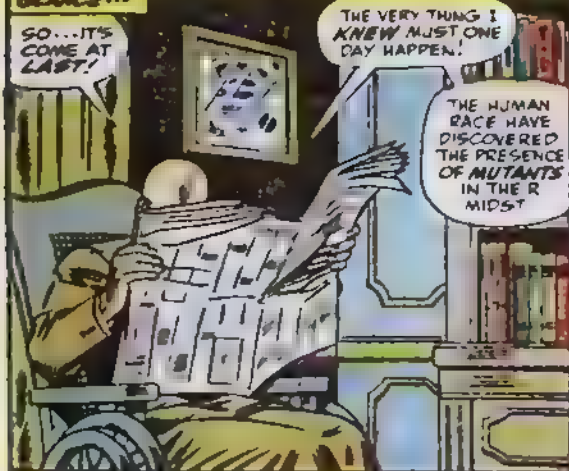
THUS IT IS THAT A FATEFUL CHAIN OF EVENTS IS BEGUN... ONE WHICH IS TO HAVE THE GRAVEST IMPLICATIONS FOR MANKIND! FOR THE FOLLOWING MORNING, IN NEW YORK'S WESTCHESTER COUNTY...



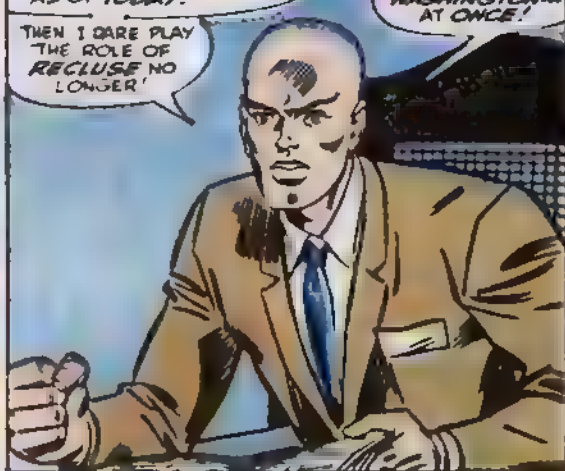
YET NO SOONER HAS THE UNEASY LAD FADED INTO THE DISTANCE THAN THE FRONT DOOR SLOWLY OPENS... AND A GAUNT HAND APPEARS.



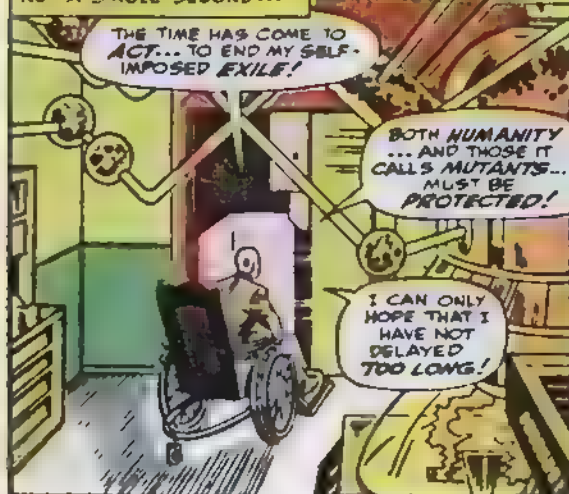
MOMENTS LATER, IN THE GLOOM OF A SEMI-DARKENED STUDY, A PAIR OF TRAINED EYES READ THE FEATURE STORY... DIGESTING EVERY WORD AT A FLEETING GLANCE...



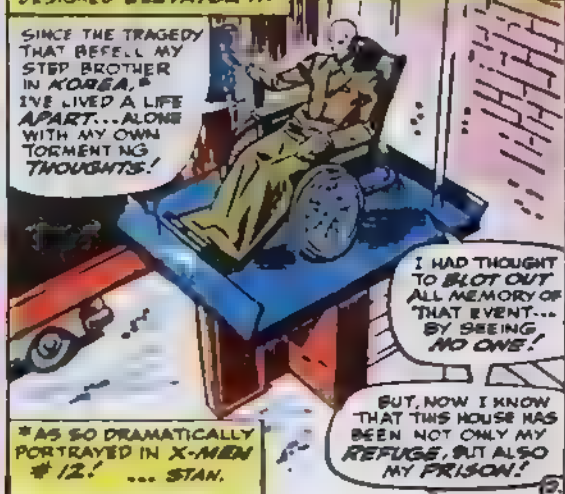
ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT, THE FBI'S BEGINNING A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION... AS OF TODAY!



AND SO, HIS MIND FIRMLY DECIDED ON A COURSE OF ACTION THE MAN NAMED CHARLES XAVIER WASTES NOT A SINGLE SECOND...

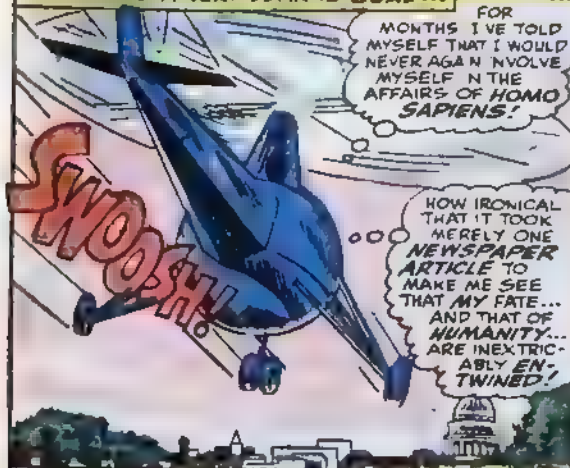


LIKE A MAN PLAYING A ROLE WRITTEN BY DESTINY ITSELF, PROFESSOR XAVIER MOVES TO A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED ELEVATOR...





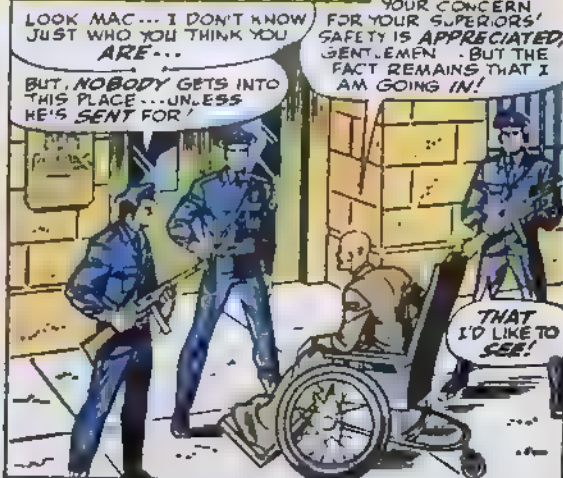
IN A REMARKABLY SHORT TIME, A HIGH-SPEED HELICOPTER IS STREAKING ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER... TOWARDS A VERY DEFINITE GOAL...



FOR MONTHS I'VE TOLD MYSELF THAT I WOULD NEVER AGAIN INVOLVE MYSELF IN THE AFFAIRS OF HOMO SAPIENS!

HOW IRONICAL THAT IT TOOK MERELY ONE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TO MAKE ME SEE THAT MY FATE... AND THAT OF HUMANITY... ARE INEXTRICABLY ENTWINED!

MINUTES LATER, IN FRONT OF A CERTAIN STRUCTURE MENTIONED IN THE NEWSPAPER...



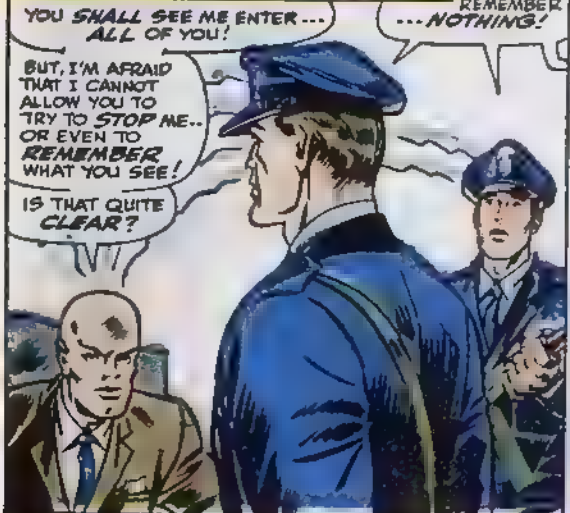
LOOK MAC... I DON'T KNOW JUST WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE...

BUT, NOBODY GETS INTO THIS PLACE... UNLESS HE'S SENT FOR!

YOUR CONCERN FOR YOUR SUPERIORS! SAFETY IS APPRECIATED, SENSIBLE MEN... BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT I AM GOING IN!

THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE!

THE NEXT SECOND, WITHOUT WARNING... WE WILL REMEMBER...

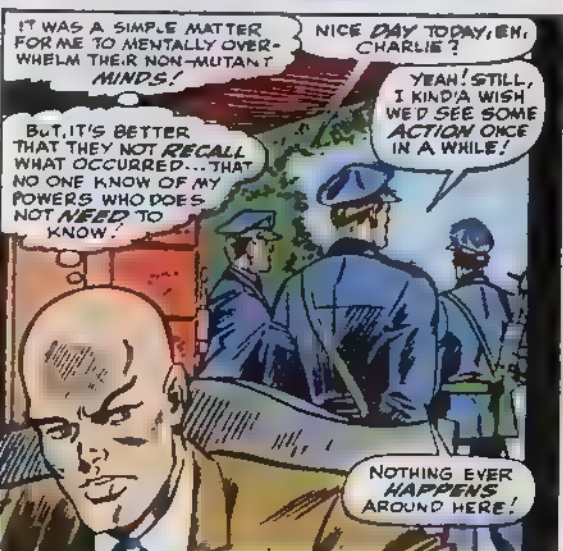


YOU SHALL SEE ME ENTER... ALL OF YOU!

BUT, I'M AFRAID THAT I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO TRY TO STOP ME... OR EVEN TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU SEE!

IS THAT QUITE CLEAR?

...NOTHING!



IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME TO MENTALLY OVERWHELM THEIR NON-MUTANT MINDS!

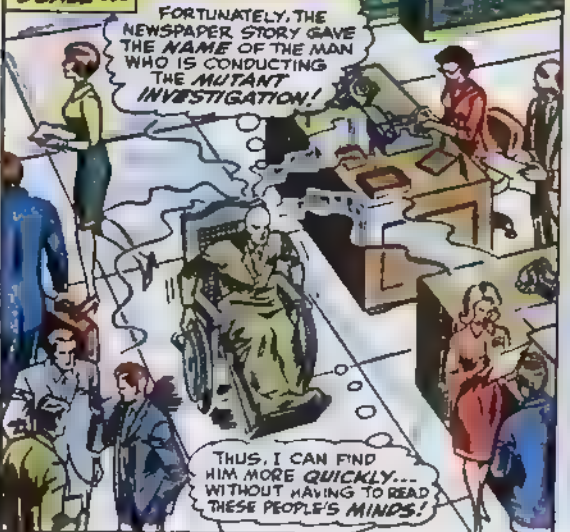
NICE DAY TODAY, EN, CHARLIE?

BUT, IT'S BETTER THAT THEY NOT RECALL WHAT OCCURRED... THAT NO ONE KNOWS OF MY POWERS WHO DOES NOT NEED TO KNOW.

YEAH! STILL, I KINDA WISH WE'D SEE SOME ACTION ONCE IN A WHILE!

NOTHING EVER HAPPENS AROUND HERE!

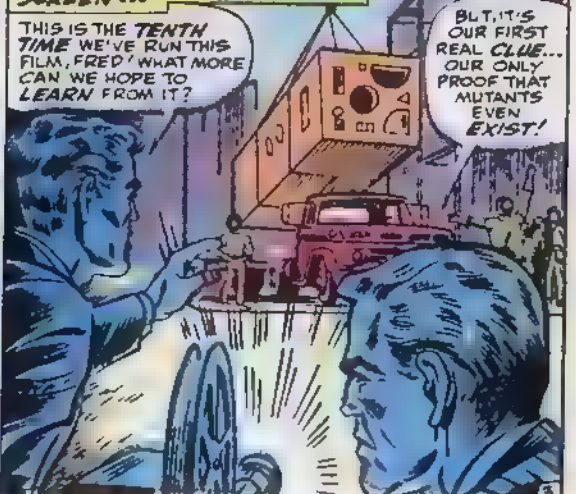
AND, INSIDE THE MULTI-STORIED BUILDING THE FOREGOING SCENE IS REPEATED... ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE...



FORTUNATELY, THE NEWSPAPER STORY GAVE THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO IS CONDUCTING THE MUTANT INVESTIGATION!

THUS, I CAN FIND HIM MORE QUICKLY... WITHOUT HAVING TO READ THESE PEOPLE'S MINDS!

MEANWHILE, ON ANOTHER FLOOR, COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THESE EVENTS, TWO MEN ARE CAREFULLY REGARDING A SMALL MOVIE SCREEN...



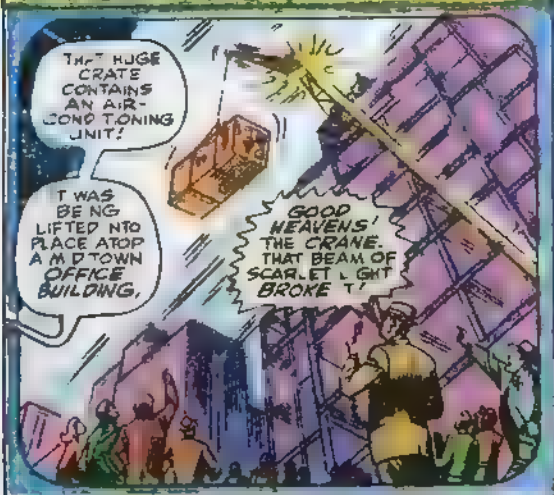
THIS IS THE TENTH TIME WE'VE RUN THIS FILM, FRED! WHAT MORE CAN WE HOPE TO LEARN FROM IT?

I'M NOT SURE, BILL!

BUT, IT'S OUR FIRST REAL CLUE... OUR ONLY PROOF THAT MUTANTS EVEN EXIST!



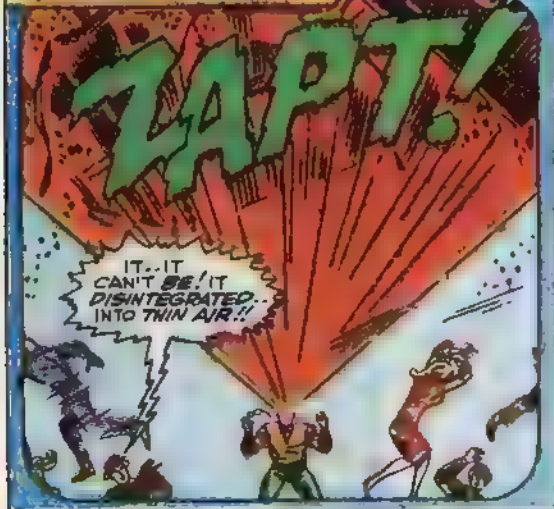
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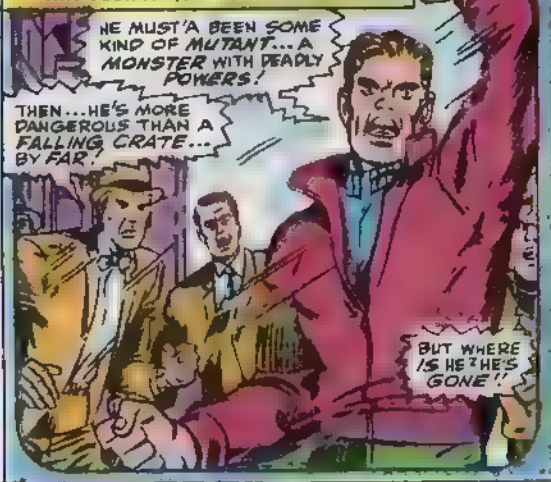
THE SEEMINGLY DOOMED SPECTATORS BELOW ALL  
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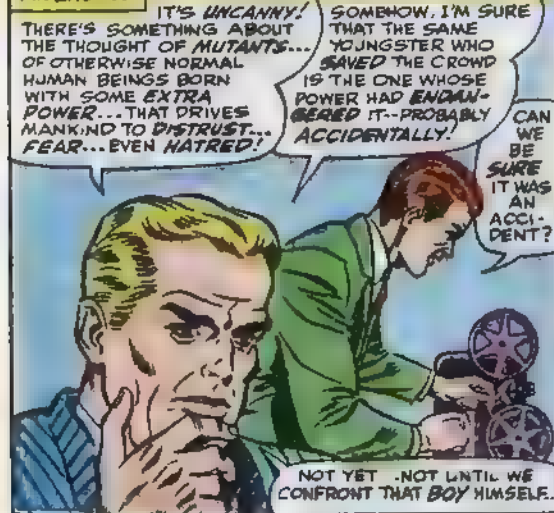
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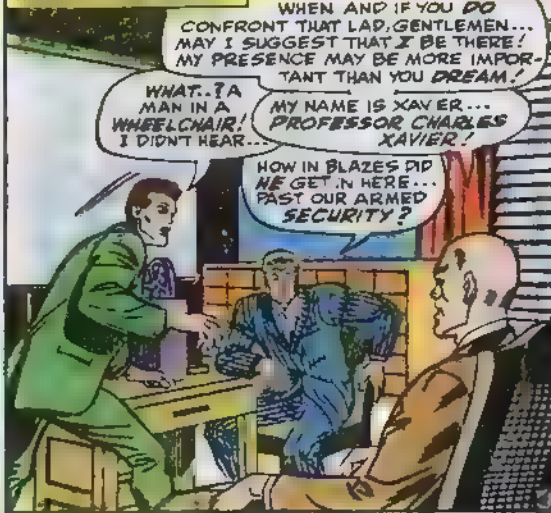
YET, IT TOOK THE CROWD ONLY SECONDS TO TURN ON THEIR UNKNOWN BENEFACITOR... WHO LUCKILY MANAGED TO SLIP AWAY...



AND, AS THE ALL-IMPORTANT FILM STRIP COMES TO AN END...



ABRUPTLY, WITHOUT WARNING, A THIRD VOICE IS HEARD IN THE ROOM...

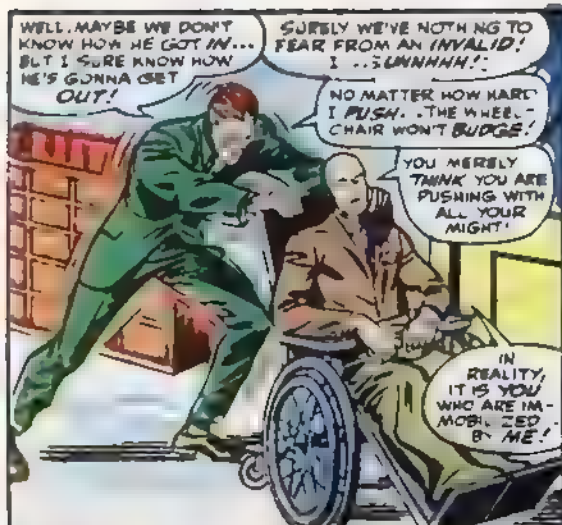


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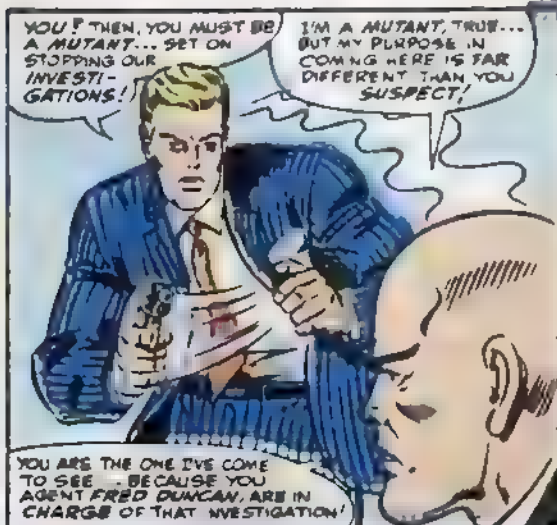
WELL, MAYBE WE DON'T KNOW HOW HE GOT IN... BUT I SURE KNOW HOW HE'S GONNA GET OUT!

SURELY WE'VE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM AN INVALID! I ...SLNNNNH!!

NO MATTER HOW HARD I PUSH... THE WHEEL-CHAIR WON'T BUDGE!

YOU MERELY THINK YOU ARE PUSHING WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!

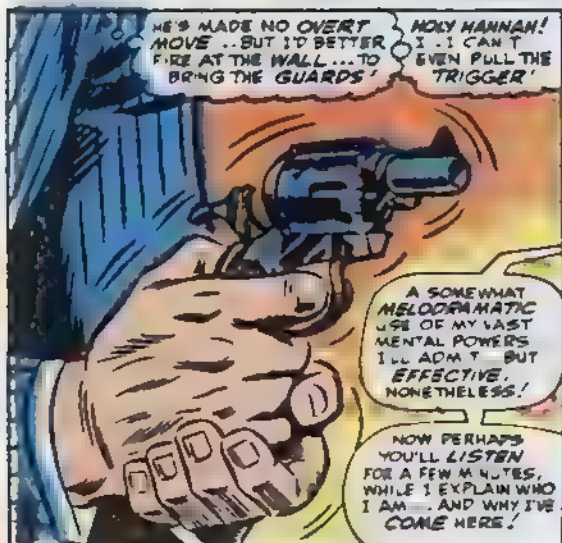
IN REALITY, IT IS YOU WHO ARE IM-MOBILIZED BY ME!



YOU? THEN, YOU MUST BE A MUTANT... SET ON STOPPING OUR INVESTIGATIONS!

I'M A MUTANT, TRUE... BUT MY PURPOSE IN COMING HERE IS FAR DIFFERENT THAN YOUR SUSPECT!

YOU ARE THE ONE I'VE COME TO SEE... BECAUSE YOU AGENT FRED DUNCAN, ARE IN CHARGE OF THAT INVESTIGATION!

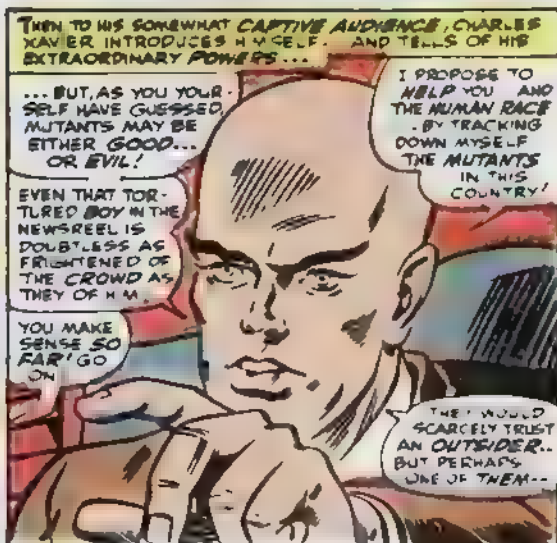


HE'S MADE NO OVERT MOVE... BUT I'D BETTER FIRE AT THE WALL... TO BRING THE GUARDS!

HOLY HANNAH! I... I CAN'T EVEN PULL THE TRIGGER!

A SOMEWHAT MELODRAMATIC USE OF MY LATEST MENTAL POWERS I'LL ADMIT... BUT EFFECTIVE, NONETHELESS!

NOW PERHAPS YOU'LL LISTEN FOR A FEW MINUTES, WHILE I EXPLAIN WHO I AM... AND WHY I'VE COME HERE!



THEN TO HIS SOMEWHAT CAPTIVE AUDIENCE, CHARLES XAVIER INTRODUCES HIMSELF... AND TELLS OF HIS EXTRAORDINARY POWERS...

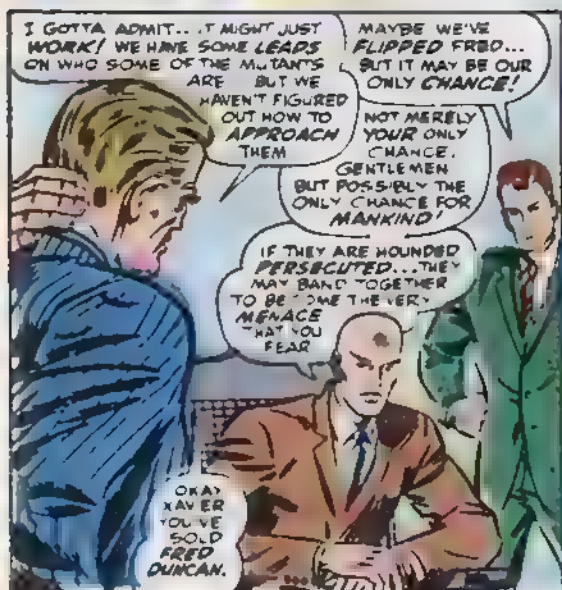
... BUT, AS YOU YOURSELF HAVE GUESSED, MUTANTS MAY BE EITHER GOOD... OR EVIL!

EVEN THAT TORTURED BOY IN THE NEWSREEL IS DOUBTLESS AS FRIGHTENED OF THE CROWD AS THEY OF HIM.

YOU MAKE SENSE SO FAR! GO ON!

I PROPOSE TO HELP YOU AND THE HUMAN RACE... BY TRACKING DOWN MYSELF THE MUTANTS IN THIS COUNTRY!

THEY WOULD SCARCELY TRUST AN OUTSIDER... BUT PERHAPS ONE OF THEM--



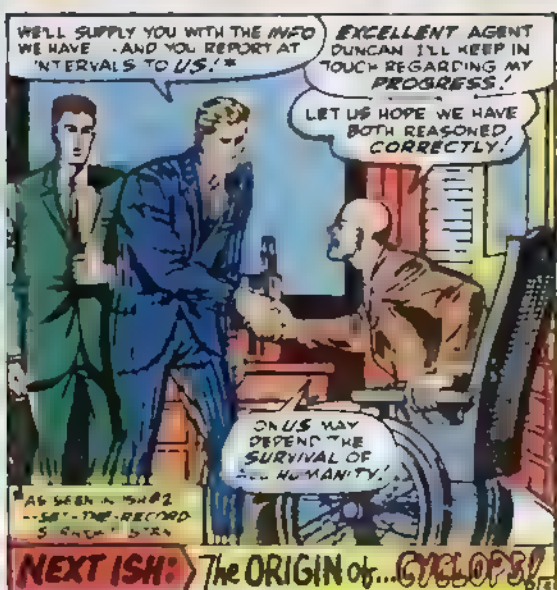
I GOTTA ADMIT... I MIGHT JUST WORK! WE HAVE SOME LEADS ON WHO SOME OF THE MUTANTS ARE... BUT WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO APPROACH THEM.

MAYBE WE'VE FLIPPED FRED... BUT IT MAY BE OUR ONLY CHANCE!

NOT MERELY YOUR ONLY CHANCE, GENTLEMEN, BUT POSSIBLY THE ONLY CHANCE FOR MANKIND!

IF THEY ARE HOUNDED PERSECUTED... THEY MAY BAND TOGETHER TO BECOME THE VERY MENACE THAT YOU FEAR.

OKAY XAVIER YOU'VE SOLD FRED DUNCAN.



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EXCELLENT AGENT DUNCAN I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH REGARDING MY PROGRESS!

LET US HOPE WE HAVE BOTH REASONED CORRECTLY!

ON US MAY DEPEND THE SURVIVAL OF HUMANITY!

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Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I was just browsing through X-MEN #35 and the story was excellent! Bringing Spidey in was good and all that, but I noticed something very interesting. On page 5, panel 3, the man sitting in the chair wore a glove exactly like Magneto's. I hope it was as I haven't seen him in a long time. Making the Banshee a hero was excellent and I enjoyed the poem in the letters page very much.

Richard Blanco, 421 Mimosa Dr.  
Norman, Okla. 73069

Glad to hear you dug so many things about X-MEN #35, Rich. But, as you well know by now (at least, we hope you do!), the head of Factor Three is a brand new super-villain — and we think that his startling secret, to be unveiled next ish, will knock you outta your tree! Meanwhile, if it's Magneto you're dying to see, take a look at the liltin' letters page in the current ish of THE AVENGERS! (And, while you're getting ready to look, let us give you a clue — it isn't exactly *Millie the Model* we're planning to guest-star in that much-lauded mag!)

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I just had to say that some of your readers must have no common sense. In issue #34, one of the readers complained because Cyke used his opti blast without moving his visor by hand. Now this critic obviously must not have had much personal experience with an opti blast of his own, or he would have known that all Cyke had to do was train his blast on the visor at just the right angle and blast the visor up and out of the way. Regarding page 7 where Bobby calls Warren Scotty, it must be that under the extreme tension of the situation, Bobby blew his cool and goofed because he's so used to having Scott leading the way instead of the old soaring star Warren. So all is forgiven for making the X-Men a little more human and a little less like mutants. As for a future ish, how about having Jean transfer from Metro College to down here at old Princeton U? We could use a good looking lass or two. On second thought, maybe I should transfer from here to Metro.

Steve Detweiler, 193 Cuyler, Princeton Univ  
Princeton, N.J.

Hold up a second, Steverino! Before you do anything rash, stick around for a few more issues — 'cause we've got some plans in store for the uncanny X-Men that might just upset your rogent calculations, and far be

it from your benevolent Bullpen to give you frantic ones any traumatic hang-ups! (And, if you can glean any hints of our future plans from that sentence, give yourself one no-prize!) Meanwhile, Stan and Roy thank you for your lucid explanation of Cyke's visor — and a guy named Scott Summers asked us to tell you that he kinda appreciated it, too!

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

Since I've passed my 31st birthday, I hardly ever read a comic anymore, except to relieve the strain of the highly technical books I read to prepare material for my own writing. However, Marvel Comics were among the top few I read during the last years of my comic book stage which lasted till I was 25. Since I'm sure, you're not interested in my personal reading habits, I will get to the meat of this letter. I've read in your letters pages letters written by readers who point out how good's you have made, and I said to myself, 'Boy, what fanatics to be so meticulous over a misspelled word!' That is to say, some small error had somehow gotten past your proofreaders. Now I find myself joining the lit so to speak. In issue #34 (wow!) on page 2 you have one of the most glaring errors I have ever seen. Marvel Girl calls Warren Scotty! Iceman calls him Scotty on the same page, and Warren does not object one bit. Also, you have the Angel Marvel Girl and Iceman passing through the vapors of the river Lethe, thus losing their memories. Yet we can assume that Iceman's ice coating is brought about by a mental process, and it would be the right that if he really lost his memory, his ice coating would melt because of the loss of concentration. I've thought of a reason for you too — the super-consciousness of a mutant will not allow him to forget to sustain his super-powers. I hope you won't fire your proofreaders because of this letter. We all make mistakes from time to time and can overlook any error when we are tired or time is pressing. Keep up your usual excellent standards of comic magazine writing and publishing, and I will be seeing your works in my home from time to time.

James Middleton, 2142 Sedgewick  
Chicago, Ill. 60614

Only from time to time, Jimmie? How about something a bit more definite — like, every month? As a matter of fact, we're gonna exercise our capricious prerogative and send you one of our far-famed free subscriptions to the ever-lovin' X-Men — not because

Now hear this! Please keep all letters no longer than ONE PAGE! Have mercy, mellow ones!



we're unduly impressed by your ripe old age of 31, nor because you're one of the zillions of Marvelites who noticed that Warren was referred to as Scotty, but simply with the greedy thought that, once you start receiving one of our magniloquent mags each month, you won't be able to sleep at night until you buy all the rest of 'em! (Or, Who Says This Isn't The Marvel Age of Tintinnabulatin' Trojan Horses?)

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I just finished X-MEN #35 and I think it's time you stopped picking on Spidey. I mean he gets into enough trouble with J.J.J. without the X-Men almost killing him, then finding out they made a mistake. Now I guess I have to give you my advice on how to improve the X-Men. First, try to have the Angel do more stunts than simply flying around in circles. The best thing you can do for all of them is to give them eyes. When you see them in real life. In #35 you could only see the Beast's eyes 5 times out of 13. I think it's also time for an X-MEN ANNUAL. But you still have a pretty good comic book — superior to any Brand Echh!

Rich Oliver, 607 Terrace St.  
Honesdale, Pa.

Well, thanks for that anyway, frantic one! But, rest assured that our ambivalent X-Men artists have been duly warned in the mind-shattering matter of showing the Beast's eyes! After all, we all know how a thing like that can get out of hand. First, they're only shown 5 times out of 13 — then it's 4 times out of thirteen — and, the next thing you know, *zowie* — you've got Little Orphan Annie in a blue mask! So, thanks for the warning, Mr. O!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

In X-MEN #34 I thoroughly enjoyed the plot and felt the story had plenty of action (as it usually has) and sufficient plot development. The cover was extra-super terrific. The artistry was excellent, especially on page 11, 16, 17, and 19. If they were all like #34, I'd pay twice the price. Just one question — what happened to Professor X?

Kevin Hamilton, 52 Bishop Blvd.  
Ottawa, Ont., Canada

By now, Kev, you know that the illustrious Charles Xavier (not to mention the boisterous Banshee) is the prisoner of Factor Three, and is being shuttled back and forth all over the gallopin' globe! But, don't worry — we'll get our skin-headed savant rescued one of these first ishes — if only so that we can get him captured again! Hooo boy!

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

X-MEN #35 was great — especially the cover and the plot. Why were the X-Men so anxious to fight Spider-Man? The Beast wasn't what I expected of him. He has about the same qualities as Spidey except spider-sense, so have more of his strength shown in the future. Scott makes a great leader, and he should use his power beam more often. The Banshee was great in the role he played. Hurry up and get Professor X out of the clutches of Factor Three. Spider-Man never looked better as far as artwork was concerned. When Peter Parker becomes Spider-Man he seems more grown up than usual. So until Iceman puts the cool on the Human Torch, make mine Marvel!

Gerald Newsome  
Grethel, Ky.

You know it, Gerry! By the way, you may have noticed that we've been playing up Hank P. McCoy's physical prowess much more of late — and you can look for similar startling changes in the X-Men ishes to come! So keep watching, tiger — we've only been doing the current comics classics so that we'll have something to top in months to come!

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

The X-Men have been steadily improving, and steadily joining the rest of the Marvel world. The inclusion of Dr. Strange and the Crimson Bands of Cyttorak was a natural and, at the same time, a surprise. The more you interrelate your different comics, the better they are. Suggestions — I'm a romantic, and I favor all the young lovers. I think that with a suitable incubation period, the romance between Scott and Jean has everything needed. Scott needs a counselor, not a control for his beams. They aren't the threat he thinks, unless you're putting us on when he adjusts his power to light or full intensity. The Beast is one of your best characters, almost the only powerful hero who is also gentle. Continue him as a poetic giant. I also feel you have the right character for Warren — I think you can get all the fraternity types to identify with him. Before I sign off, have you ever thought of Mendel's laws as they apply to mutants? Are all the X-Men the sole products of their parents' marriages? Such dramatic mutations as they have would be very inheritable. Anyway, let's see something more of their families!

Paul Sanford, Occidental College  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Have no fear, Paul — you're slated to learn much, much more about the families and friends of our much-abused mutants in our brand new "Origins of the X-Men" series! In addition, we might just toss a few tidbits of intimate info at you in the pages of the regular X-Men stories, as well — and we'll keep trying to throw in a few surprises whenever we get the chance! It's not exactly easy to make up these fantabulous family trees as we go along — but, what the hey! As long as it's for our ever-faithful Marvel-loving multitudes, that makes it all worth while, Marvelite!

NEXT ISH: We've tentatively titled our next block-busting ish "The Fateful Finale!" — and that's about all we can tell you about it just now, 'cause we're still frantically plotting the last fantastic episode of the Mutant-Master's mad scheme to conquer a war-devastated earth! Of course, we do know a few little details of that landmark ish — for example, that the uncanny X-Men will battle the Blob and Company in a senses-shattering showdown destined to be the talk of Marveldom; that we'll all finally learn the mysterious mutant power of the enigmatic Changeling; and that, at the end of the scintillating story, there'll be a dramatic, long-awaited change in our magnificent mutants! (If we don't forget what it's supposed to be, that is!) So, it's probably safe to predict that you'll treasure X-MEN #39 for a long time to come — at least until the next ish, anyway! 'Nuff said!





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